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- At 5 p.m. on 7 August 1951, 17 MiG-15s were being towed by tractors to the northern edge of Grossenhain airfield. \* The engines of each plane were started and warmed up for 6 to 8 minutes. During this period a van-like truck, with an extended antenna on which a soldier was working, was driven past the planes. At 6:15 a.m. the first plane took off. One plane each took off at 6:55, 6:57, and 6:59 a.m. respectively. Two planes took off at 7:01 a.m., two others at 7:03 a.m., and four planes each at 7:05 a.m. and 7:07 a.m. respectively. About two minutes after the take-offs the planes were above Folbern. They left the Grossenhain area and returned individually at 11:30 a.m. Flying was also done at night.
- On 8 and 9 August, the same flying activities were observed as on 7 August. On 10 and 11 August, there was flying by small single-engine planes. 50X1-HUM
- Several radio installations, which were apparently occupied by Soviet Air Force soldiers, were observed at the field. No radio installations were seen west of the field. Sedan and trucks were observed at the field.
- Between 30 July and 1 August there was intensive flying. No alert planes were parked at the southern edge of the installation on these days.
- On 19 and 20 July 1951 there was flying by jet fighters during the evenings. The planes were equipped with running lights. On 20 July, four planes started flying about 8 p.m. the Soviet mess officer was named Gudloff, (fnu) (phonetic spelling). On 21 August, 22 jet planes were observed at the field. On 22 August, 23 jet aircraft were observed. 50X1-HUM

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Comment. the field is still occupied by two fighter regiments and a fighter division headquarters. The number of MiG-15s stationed in Grossenhain is estimated at 60 to 70.

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